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Corrections Seeking Employers for Offender Job Fair
Opportunity to Fill Jobs and Cut Recidivism

(Baton Rouge) One of the biggest obstacles for individuals releasing from prison to communities all across Louisiana is the ability to find work. Offering steady, meaningful employment enables an offender to provide for his/her family, pay taxes, and become a productive member of our community. Louisiana employers gain valuable works and may qualify for substantial tax incentives.

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections' comprehensive plan to address recidivism includes offender job fairs which are held within prison system before release or in the supervision phase under the direction of Probation and Parole.

Four Baton Rouge-area Probation and Parole Districts are sponsoring a **Job Fair** for clients on **Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at the Great Hall at the Bellemont in Baton Rouge from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Businesses and industries of all sizes that are looking for potential employees should attend this event. Skilled and semi-skilled individuals needing immediate employment will be there to fill out job applications and submit résumés.

There are many incentives available to businesses that are open to hiring offenders, such as the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program, which entitles employers to a 40% tax credit on the first \$6,000 wages paid. Businesses can also qualify for an additional

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reimbursement of 50% of the employee's salary by meeting Workforce Investment Act criteria. Federal bonding is also available to employers. Representatives will be on hand at the Job Fair to fully explain these benefits.

"We appreciate the employers who are already on board with the Department's efforts," said DPS&C Secretary James M. Le Blanc. "Our goal with this job fair is to match more qualified individuals with businesses that have job openings to create the best possible outcome for the employer and the applicant. The sooner we can get individuals employed, the better chance we have of not only reducing Louisiana's high incarceration rate, but making our communities safer as well."

Registration forms for the event are attached and should be faxed either faxed (225-922-2073) or emailed (tlmoore@corrections.state.la.us) by November 1, 2008. For additional information, please contact Rhett Covington or Theresa Moore at 225-922-0227.

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DATE: October 1, 2008

RE: **Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area Probation & Parole Job Fair Announcement**

Dear Employers,

The Baton Rouge Metropolitan area districts of Probation & Parole will be hosting a Job Fair for our clients at the Great Hall at the Bellemont, 7370 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70805 on November 12, 2008, from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

As an employer in the Baton Rouge area, you know the importance of providing opportunities for individuals who are returning to society from prison. Those who have chosen to employ some of these individuals have let us know how pleased they are with their performance. Obtaining employment is critical to the long term success of any re-entry or rehabilitation plan. Employers, community resource agencies, churches, and non-profit groups provide the necessary linkages to get this population out of the criminal justice system and provide our society with productive, taxpaying citizens.

Skilled and semi-skilled individuals needing immediate employment will be on hand. We are asking that your company attend this fair if you have either immediate openings or openings within the next three (3) months and would be willing to hire individuals with criminal records.

We will have information regarding the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program entitling employers to a 40% tax credit on the first \$6,000 wages paid. Your company may also qualify for an additional reimbursement of 50% of the employee's salary if you meet Workforce Investment Act criteria. Federal Bonding is also available. We will have representatives from the Office of Workforce Development on hand to answer your questions in this area. We will also have Probation & Parole officers on hand to answer questions regarding supervision conditions or to assist you during the job fair. Lunch will be provided. You need only bring your display materials.

To reserve space at the **Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area Probation & Parole Job Fair**, complete the attached Registration Form and **Return the Registration Form between now and November 1, 2008** **BY FAX (FAX: 225-922-2073) or BY E-MAIL to tmoore@corrections.state.la.us**. **If more than 1 representative from your company will be present, please send a separate fax or e-mail for each.** If further information is needed, please contact Rhett Covington or Theresa Moore at 225-922-0227.

***Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area Probation & Parole Job Fair
November 12, 2008, Great Hall at the Bellemont***

REGISTRATION FORM

COMPANY NAME: _____

REPRESENTATIVE NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NO. _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE LIST THE PRIMARY POSITIONS FOR WHICH YOU ARE RECRUITING:

WE WILL PROVIDE TABLES AND CHAIRS.

WILL YOU BRING A DISPLAY ____ YES ____ NO / WILL YOU NEED ELECTRICITY? ____ YES
____ NO

DO YOU PLAN TO USE A COMPUTER AS PART OF YOUR DISPLAY/SET-UP? ____ YES ____ NO.
IF YES, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE, SO PLEASE DESCRIBE THE USE OF THE
COMPUTER: (INTERNET ACCESS?) _____

**NOTE: ON NOVEMBER 12TH, PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:00AM TO ALLOW TIME TO REGISTER
AND HAVE YOUR DISPLAY SET UP COMPLETED FOR OUR START TIME OF 9:00 AM.**

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE, FAX TO: 225-922-2073 OR E-MAIL TO
TLMOORE@CORRECTIONS.STATE.LA.US, By November 1, 2008**
